

# County of Hamilton

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## 57th District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 1995 - 8:00 a.m.

Regional Computer Center's Conference Room  
10th Floor, County Administration Building  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brayshaw at 8:10 a.m. Mr. Joe Sykes was the only Committee Member not present.

Support Staff present: Messrs. Cottrill, Cline, Schlimm, Riddiough, Beck, Cauble and Pettit. Also present was Cathy Concilla (OPWC), Tim Lange of Colerain Township and Mr. Ray Hodges of Forest Park.

Mr. Seitz moved approval of the June 9, 1995 minutes; seconded by Mr. Hamner and passed unanimously.

Chairman Brayshaw reiterated how happy he was to see the results of the election with Issue 2 passing by a margin of 62% in favor as to 38% opposed. The Program is so good and we have to have it in order to continue our capability to do infrastructure projects. We know we have a good system and all we have to do is tweak it and do a little improvement as it comes along and we're ready to go.

### Support Staff items:

Letter from Mt. Healthy concerning Hamilton Avenue application from Round 9. Mt. Healthy agreed to accept a reduced amount of \$223,000.00 of the originally requested \$360,000.00 for the Hamilton Avenue Phase II Rehabilitation, but requested the project be amended by shortening the length of the project due mainly to the area of construction at the Cross County Highway location. The estimate will then be reduced from \$400,000.00 to \$260,000.00. OPWC requested a vote of approval by the District 2 Integrating Committee so they could issue an amended project agreement. Mr. Seitz moved approval of Mt. Healthy's request as submitted; seconded by Mr. Huddleston and passed unanimously.

Mr. Mendes said in his opinion the Colerain Avenue Widening & Improvement Project should be listed at the top of the rating sheet as it was approved in the previous round. Mr. Mendes feels that phased projects, where funds have already been committed in previous rounds, should be shown separately at the head of the spread sheet so it is clear they are not part of the scoring for the current round. After a discussion it was agreed to arrange the rating spread sheet as suggested by Mr. Mendes.

Discussion came up about what we had adopted as far as capping and how it would apply to the projects. At the June 9, 1995 meeting, following considerable discussion, the following motion offered by Mayor Savage was passed unanimously: Resolved, that at the discretion of the Integrating Committee, project funding for approved projects costing more than two million dollars per jurisdiction may be phased over two years.

Mr. Cline recalls Mayor Savage saying if there is information inadvertently left out, the Support Staff and Committee have an obligation to review it and a statement was made by Chairman Brayshaw pointing out that the jurisdiction still has the ability to address the Integrating Committee directly and discuss the matter. This is included in the April 21, 1995 minutes.

An appeals discussion came up and Mr. Seitz said the Committee is giving substantial latitude to the Support Staff to limit the amount of work they spend on appeals by making a reasonable, professional judgement as to whether the information was something that should have been submitted in the original packet or not.

Mr. Mendes commented that the City of Cincinnati appealed on behalf of the other jurisdictions which are a part of the Covedale project. When the project was initially evaluated the City received a letter from the Support Staff saying they considered it to be a betterment/expansion. The City disagreed and sent a letter to OPWC asking for clarification. They received a letter supporting their position that this is, in fact, an apparent replacement project. It received zero condition points on the original rating based upon the initial determination. This is one example where the project should be reevaluated and re-rated.

Small Governments - Chairman Brayshaw called upon Cathy Concilla since Mr. Sykes was absent. She stated no changes were anticipated in the next round as far as criteria or anything else.

Old Business: Mr. Hamner addressed the subject of the distribution of residual funds as the projects are closed out. The City Engineer submitted a letter to the Committee in April requesting they consider establishing a policy. He said they wanted to resurrect this matter and give it back to the Support Staff as an item to work on now that we have a continuing program. Mr. Cottrill acknowledged he knew what Mr. Hamner was referring to. Mr. Hamner stated they didn't want to establish a policy that would lock us in, but one that would have some flexibility.

Chairman Brayshaw said the important factor is to try to implement projects as quickly as the money becomes available. That is the philosophy for keeping the old round open until the new round of money becomes available so if there is a project that is ready to go it could be moved to contract status prior to the new funds being available. It's a quick turn around program.

New Business - Mayor Savage asked if it would be appropriate to review the 10 year history of this program as far as what has been done and the things that have been implemented.

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Mr. Seitz indicated it would not be feasible to review our criteria and procedures until we see the new statutory language because the legislature could change the rules and then we would have to conform our ratings, systems and our policies to the new implementing language. We want to make sure our current policies conform to the new statutory language and when this has been accomplished then it would be an opportune time to review and make any changes deemed necessary.

Mr. Cottrill commented that the Support Staff does an annual review of the rating system and it has been adjusted frequently.

Mr. Huddleston wanted to know if there was something we could derive from Districts 1 & 3 as far as their procedures are concerned. Mr. Cottrill informed him that we have their rating sheets, but they have certain different criteria to meet.

Chairman Brayshaw then gave Mr. Ray Hodges, Manager City of Forest Park, the opportunity to speak. Mr. Hodges voiced his concern that mid sized jurisdictions are going to be squeezed out by the larger projects as they are not going to effectively be able to compete with some of the criteria such as volume and regional impact. He was emphasizing the fact that perhaps the Committee should look at a broader level of participation.


Mr. Seitz said that a Small Government fund is available for the smaller jurisdictions so perhaps the mid sized jurisdictions should also have a fund set aside with different criteria that would be adaptable to their needs so they could compete on a fair basis. He indicated its not a solution that the District 2 Integrating Committee can accomplish at this level as it would require statutory amendments, but now would be the time because the bill just passed and they have to pass a new statute to authorize how the funds will get split up. He moved that now is the time to lobby for improvement in the legislation.

Chairman Brayshaw stated that we will have to review any new legislation when it is available and then determine what changes to our procedures, if any, will be required. He agreed with Mr. Seitz that now is the time for any lobbying.

Next meeting date is Friday, December 8, 1995 and will be a voting session for Round 10 projects.

Mayor Savage moved adjournment, seconded by Mayor Brooks and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joan Cornelius  
Recording Secretary

cc: Support Staff

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**AGENDA**

1.) Approval of previous meeting's minutes

2.) Issue 2 election update.

Issue 2 passed by a margin of 62% in favor to 38% opposed. We now will have rounds 11 through 20!

3.) Support Staff items:

(A) Letter from Mt. Healthy concerning Hamilton Avenue application from Round 9. (Vote required)

(B) Presentation of Round 10 Preliminary scores and spreadsheets.

(C) Presentation of Alternate funding scheme for Round 10.

(D) Appeals update for Round 10.

(E) Schedule for remainder of Round 10.

4.) Small Governments Subcommittee report.

5.) Old business.

6.) New business.

7.) Next meeting date is Friday, December 8, 1995. This is the meeting we will vote on the Round 10 projects.

8.) Adjournment

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